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Honorable Frank B. Ellis
Director
Office of Emergency Planning
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

This letter is in response to your letter of 26 September 1961, asking for the views of this Agency on the need for classifying data concerning 76 items in the strategic stockpile.

As you know, we have in the past commented on the intelligence aspects of the classification of US stockpile information. Our views remain as stated in our letter of 9 September 1961. I do not believe, however, that this Agency is in a position to comment on the release or continued classification of information on individual items in the stockpile. I feel that we should defer on this matter to the member agencies of the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee, who have a direct responsibility or interest in the stockpile program.

In sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

SEP 23 1961

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

After reviewing various department and agency statements made at the last meeting of the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee (IMAC) held on September 19, 1961, questions have been raised about the feasibility of declassifying data on stockpile inventories and objectives on an item-by-item basis, with particular attention to the possibility of declassifying data on those materials already far in excess of stockpile objectives and those materials which are used commonly by many industries. (See attached table).

I am asking all agencies represented on IMAC to inform me promptly of (a) each of the 76 materials on the stockpile list for which they believe classification should be retained on (1) stockpile inventories and/or (2) stockpile objectives; (b) the specific reasons for retention of classification; and (c) the level of classification necessary. I shall appreciate having the views of your agency on these same points.

In order that this Office may be able to meet the deadline set by the White House for the resolution of these questions, will you please arrange to have your response delivered to my office (Room 103, Executive Office Building) by Special Messenger as soon as possible but not later than the close of business, October 3.

Sincerely,

for the Director

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Please note Mr. Ellis has requested an answer by Special Messenger as soon as possible but not later than close of business, 3 October.



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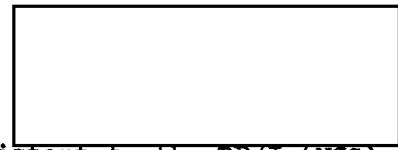
MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

SUBJECT: Request by Office of Emergency Planning for Views
on Classification of U.S. Stockpile Information

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action in Paragraph 5.
2. On September 9, General Cabell, as Acting Director, wrote a letter (attached) to Mr. Ellis, Director of OCDM, in response to Mr. Ellis' letter of September 7. This letter gave the Agency position on the declassification of stockpile information. General Cabell stated that we would very much like to have stockpile information for the USSR and that US stockpile information would be of at least some limited intelligence value to the USSR. He also stated that if there were good and sufficient reasons for declassification from a policy point of view, we did not consider the matter important enough from our viewpoint to oppose declassification.
3. A meeting of the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee was held on 19 September, which I attended as an observer. At this meeting, I reiterated the stand taken in General Cabell's letter.
4. We have now been asked by Mr. Ellis (letter of 26 September, attached) to justify retention of a security classification on any of the 76 materials for which we believe it should be retained. We

have no direct departmental interest in retaining a security classification on any of these commodities. Moreover, decisions on classification should properly be taken as a matter of policy by the agencies most directly concerned.

5. It is therefore recommended that you sign the attached letter to Mr. Ellis, which reflects the considerations in the preceding paragraph.



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Honorable Frank B. Ellis
Director
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for your letter of September 7 with which you enclosed the copy of Senator Stuart Symington's letter to you, dated September 6, quoting Mr. Dulles and me with reference to the declassification of the strategic materials stockpile.

I consider that Senator Symington's quotation is substantially correct. As Mr. Dulles pointed out to you in his letter of 28 July 1961, we have no official membership on the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee but have had an observer present at most of the meetings of that committee for the purpose of commenting on the intelligence aspects of the problem. As Mr. Dulles also noted, our views have consisted of two main points: 1) we would very much like to have this kind of stockpile information pertaining to the USSR, and 2) the classified information pertaining to U. S. stockpiles would be of at least some limited intelligence value to the USSR. However, we did point out to Senator Symington that if, from a policy point of view, there are good and sufficient reasons for declassifying the information concerning U. S. strategic materials stockpiles we did not consider the matter important enough from our viewpoint to take a stand against such declassification.

Sincerely,
SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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September 7, 1961

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have just received the enclosed letter from Honorable Stuart Symington, dated September 6.

You will note that the Senator makes the further observation as to the position of the Central Intelligence Agency with reference to the declassification of the strategic materials stockpile:

"Mr. Allen Dulles and General Cabell say they do not consider the matter important enough from their standpoint to take a stand against declassification."

If this observation is in conformity with your views, please advise us, if possible by return mail, in order that the matter may be immediately reviewed.

Sincerely,



Frank B. Ellis

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UNITED STATES SENATE

September 6, 1961

Personal

Honorable Frank Ellis, Director
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Attached are statements from the Agencies your office mentioned as primarily responsible for classification of the metals, minerals, and machine tools stockpile.

In the interest of our national security, I am certain in my own mind that this stockpile should be declassified promptly. To that end I have written letters to the Departments in question, copies attached.

Sincerely,

/ signed
Stuart Symington

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Attach.

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August 28, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

RE: Declassification of Stock Pile

State Department:

Secretary Ball says they have no objections to declassification.

Defense Department:

Mr. Yarmolinsky of Secretary McNamara's office says they have no objection to declassification.

Central Intelligence Agency:

Mr. Allen Dulles and General Cabell say they do not consider the matter important enough from their standpoint to take a stand against declassification.

Department of Interior:

On August 4 the Department of Interior wrote the OCDM and urged the fullest possible declassification of the stockpile -- said they saw no reason for classification.

Department of Agriculture:

We do not claim to be experts but we have no objection to the stockpile being declassified.

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28 JUL 1961

Honorable Frank B. Ells
Director
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ells:

In response to your letter of 21 July inviting my opinion and recommendation on the declassifying of US stockpile information, I should like to make the following comments.

Several times in recent years the Agency has been involved, to a limited extent, in a review of this subject and it has always made as much of a contribution as its competence allowed. Although the Agency has no official membership on the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee, it has sent an observer to the meetings to comment on the intelligence aspects of the problem. Our views have consisted of two main points: (1) we would very much like to have this kind of information for the USSR, and (2) this information would be of at least some limited intelligence value to the USSR. Our opinions, as expressed to the IMAC in previous years, remain the same today.

I hope this reaffirmation of our previous statements on US stockpile information will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence) /S/ 15 JUL 1961
SUBJECT: Declassifying US Stockpile Information
REFERENCE: Letter to DCI from the Director, OCDM,
21 July 1961

1. This memorandum recommends action as contained in paragraph 4. In the referenced letter to you, Mr. Ellis asks for your recommendation on the declassifying of US stockpile information.

2. As background: Our files reveal that in 1955, [redacted]

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[redacted] as Chief of Economic Coordination, was asked about CIA's attitude toward declassification of US stockpile information. He made two points in his reply: (1) we would very much like to have this kind of information for the USSR; (2) this information would be of at least some limited intelligence value to the USSR. In 1958, we took the same position. In May 1959, [redacted] in a conversation with Joseph Rand of the Council on Foreign Economic Policy, said that the question of declassification being considered by the Interdepartmental Materials Advisory Committee (IMAC) was not a matter within this Agency's responsibility, and that we had carefully refrained from engaging in discussion of the pros and

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cons of declassification per se. [redacted] then went on to say that declassification of US stockpile data might be of some limited intelligence value to the USSR.

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3. Although we do not have official membership on the IMAC, we have sent representatives to their meetings. Their position has been consistent with the views described above.

4. It is recommended that the enclosed letter to Mr. Ellis be signed and forwarded.

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Research and Reports

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Mr. Ellis

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Honorable Frank B. Ellis
Director, Office of Civil and
Defense Mobilization
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you very much for your letter of 26 May
and for the enclosed copy of your new magazine,
Nation's Source, which you were so thoughtful to bring
to my attention.

I have looked this over with interest and have
forwarded it on to some of our people here who, I am
sure, will also find it interesting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Mr. Elder

10 MAY 1961

Honorable Frank B. Ellis, Director
Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am pleased to comply with your request for regular intelligence briefings for yourself and the members of your staff. Such briefings could be provided on a weekly basis at a regularly scheduled time or at times suited to your schedule and that of your staff.

It is my understanding that members of my staff have already arranged for the initial briefing to be held at 1000 on Thursday, 11 May. The briefing will be given by our staff briefer [redacted]

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles *Alw*

Copies of this letter have already been sent to General Cabell for information and to Bob Amory for necessary action and preparation of a reply for your signature.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Honorable Allen Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In connection with my National Security Council duties and my responsibilities for non-military defense, I would be most appreciative of your cooperation in arranging for current intelligence briefings on a regular basis for myself and a few members of my staff. I would like to suggest that such briefings be scheduled in the Executive Office Building at least weekly, and perhaps even more frequently as warranted by international developments.

I would expect to attend the intelligence briefings personally as often as possible. In addition to the attendance of my deputy, Mr. Edward A. McDermott, I would plan to include the Director and Deputy Director of Program and Policy, Mr. Ralph E. Spear and Mr. Carey Brewer; and the Director and Deputy Director of Intelligence and National Security Affairs, Mr. Theodore Babbitt and Mr. Paul C. McGrath.

If it is convenient to you, I would hope that the intelligence briefings could be initiated during the second week in May.

Sincerely,
Frank B. Ellis

Frank B. Ellis
Director

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Note from DAD/CI:

Attached is suggested reply to Mr. Ellis's request for briefings. [redacted] is making arrangements for additional clearances and will go along for first briefing in order to take care of security matters. He is in touch with Mr. Ellis's office.

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